

Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 15, 2020

10:00 am

Tippecanoe Room, Tippecanoe County Office Building
20 N 3rd Street, Lafayette, Indiana

Commissioners present President Tracy A. Brown, Vice President Thomas P. Murtaugh and Member David S. Byers.

Also present: Attorney Doug Masson, Auditor Robert Plantenga, Commissioners' Assistant Paula Bennett, and Recording Secretary Jennifer Wafford.

- I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – President Brown called the meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from Monday, June 1, 2020.
 - Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the minutes as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.
- III. **PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** – Paula Bennett

The claims from June 4, 2020, through June 15, 2020, were recommended for approval without exception.

 - Commissioner Byers moved to approve the Accounts Payable as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.
- IV. **PRESENTATION OF PAYROLL** – Paula Bennett

The payroll from June 12, 2020 was recommended for approval without exception.

 - Commissioner Byers moved to approve the Payroll as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.
- V. **HIGHWAY** – Stewart Kline presented and recommended:
 - A. Awarding of contract for Bridge #133 Replacement Project to, Duncan Robertson Inc, in the amount of \$727,490.20. The bid was under the Engineer's estimates, and all forms are accurate and in order. The expected completion date of the project is November 2020.
 - Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the contract as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.
 - B. Railroad Agreement between KB and S Railroad and Tippecanoe County for the Lindberg Project in the amount of \$374,598.17. Federal funding will cover 80% of the cost of this project.
 - Commissioner Byers moved to approve the agreement as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.
 - C. Temporary Easement Grant with William E and Janis S Chapman for Parcel 5A and 5B for the 500 North Safety Project in the amount of \$1,960.
 - Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the temporary easement as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.
 - D. Warranty Deed with William E and Janis S Chapman for Parcel 4 on the 500 North Safety Project in the amount of \$29,530.
 - Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the warranty deed as recommended, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

- E. Warranty Deed with Jerry S and Rebecca S Bower for Parcel 3 on the Bridge #32 Replacement Project at Haggerty Lane in the amount of \$120,000.
 - Commissioner Byers moved to approve the warranty deed as submitted, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

VI. GRANTS – Sharon Hutchison presented and recommended:

Permission to Apply for Grants:

- A. For Sheriff/Bomb Squad, from the Indiana Homeland Security Foundation grant for Personal Radiation Detector Devices, to be carried by certified bomb technicians.
 - Commissioner Murtaugh moved to grant permission to apply as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

Permission to Accept Grants funds:

- A. For the Circuit Court, for Veteran's Court funds, from Indiana Supreme Court in the amount of \$5,500 to continue the program supporting our Veterans.
 - Commissioner Byers moved to grant permission to accept as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC DEFENDER – Robert Little, attending virtually, presented and recommended:

A Professional Services Agreement with Norma Saenz, for interpreting services provided to the Public Defender's Office. Compensation under this agreement will be \$45 per hour.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the agreement as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

VIII. COURTS – Judge Randy Williams presented and recommended:

Memorandum of Understanding between the Courts of Tippecanoe County and the Long Center Inc., for the use of their building, to conduct Jury selections while complying with social distancing guidelines. After the Jury is selected, they would return to the Courthouse for the trial. Jury trials are expected to resume the first full week of July.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the MOU as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

IX. RESOLUTION 2020-19-CM

Concerning Tax Abatement for Dormie, LLC.

Attorney Masson stated that this Resolution is for a Tax Abatement Application for Dormie LLC. The tract being considered for abatement is in a TIF district, and as a result, the Resolution has to come before the Commissioners for consideration.

Attorney Dan Teder, representing the petitioner, advises that the preliminary approval from Tippecanoe County Council for the Declaratory ERA designation and tax abatement and requesting the same approval from the Commissioners. The Resolution is for an 11-acre tract located on County Road 500 East, just south of County Road 400 South. The petitioner is requesting a tax abatement for a total capital investment of \$6 million, with the construction of a 20,000 square foot facility expected soon after approval. The investment will allow the petitioner to retain 26 employees, at an average salary of \$68,000, while adding 10 additional employees over the next 5-7 years. They request the abatement for 10 years and appreciate the Commissioner's support.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the resolution as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

X. CHANGE ORDER FOR FAIRGROUNDS PROJECT with Brand Electric (#4) to deduct \$1,250 for omitted key switches, and add \$3,400 for electrical circuits, breakers, and equipment connections for the walk-in cooler. The total increase for this change order, considering the deduction and addition of cost, totals \$2,150.

- Commissioner Byers moved approve the change order as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

XI. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS-None


XII. REPORTS ON FILE


- Tippecanoe County Treasurer
- Tippecanoe County Building Commission
- Crystal Creek Boarding Kennel

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT -None

Commissioner Murtaugh moved to adjourn. President Brown adjourned the meeting.


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Tracy A. Brown, President


Thomas P. Murtaugh, Vice-President


David S. Byers, Member

ATTEST:


Robert A Plantenga, Auditor 07/06/20

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Wafford, Recording Secretary